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SUBJECT: UNESCO MEETING ON DRAFT RECOMMENDATION RE
DEMOCRATIC ACCESS TO CULTURE: STATEMENT BY
ARABS, BUT NO RESOLUTIONS, ON "ZIONISM-
RACISM" AT FINAL SESSION.

1. SUBJECT MEETING--WHICH US OBSERVED UNOFFICIALLY--
DRAGGED TO AN END AT 1:30 A.M. APRIL 15 HAVING AVOIDED
ANY FORMAL RESOLUTIONS OR AMENDMENTS CITING THE "ZIONISM
-RACISM" EQUATION OF UNGA RES. 3379 FOR INCLUSION IN
SUBJECT DOCUMENT. HOWEVER, JORDANIAN DEL. MADE FORMAL
STATEMENT FOR ENTRY INTO MEETING RECORD ON BEHALF OF
OTHER ARAB PARTICIPANTS THAT RACISM--TO WHICH DRAFT
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DOCUMENT MAKES PREAMBULAR REFERENCE AS FACTOR "HINDERING"

PARTICIPATION IN CULTURAL LIFE--IS TAKEN BY ARABS TO MEAN "ZIONISM" IN ACCORDANCE WITH RES. 3379. JORDANIAN CONDEMNED FURTHER RACISM IN AFRICA AND "PALESTINE", BUT MADE NO REPEAT NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO ISRAEL OR GOI. IRAQI DEL. MADE SHORT STATEMENT EXPRESSING FULL SUPPORT FOR JORDANIAN STATEMENT.

2. ISRAELIS PERHAPS WILL NOT IMMEDIATELY SHARE PERMDEL AND GENERAL WEO'S VIEW THAT MEETING OUTCOME WAS SATISFACTORY RE "ZIONISM-RACISM" ISSUE, BECAUSE ISRAELI DEL. (PERMREP TO UNESCO, DR. YAPOU) COULD NOT TAKE FLOOR TO RESPOND TO ARAB STATEMENT.

3. PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF EXPLANATIONS OF VOTES, MEETING CHAIRPERSON (MRS. PINTASILGO, PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR TO UNESCO) HAD ESTABLISHED LIST OF SPEAKERS OPEN TO ALL DELS., CAREFULLY AND REPEATEDLY EXPLAINING THAT ONLY THOSE INSCRIBED WOULD BE PERMITTED TO SPEAK, BUT ISRAELIS INEXPLICABLY FAILED TO INDICATE THEY WISHED TO SPEAK. HAVING CLOSED LIST, PORTUGUESE CHAIRPERSON REFUSED ISRAELIS DEMAND FOR "RIGHT OF REPLY" TO ARAB STATEMENT.

4. STUNG BY DR. YAPOU'S SHOUTED ACCUSATIONS OF "UNDEMOCRATIC" PROCEDURE, PORTUGUESE CHAIRPERSON CALLED FOR FORMAL VOTE ON HER RULING AND WAS UNANIMOUSLY UPHeld BY 34 VOTES IN FAVOR (INCLUDING, OF COURSE, WEO'S, JAPAN AND CANADA).

5. NEVERTHELESS, NETHERLANDS, SPEAKING JUST BEFORE THIS INCIDENT ON BEHALF OF THE "NINE", STATED, INTER ALIA, THAT THESE COUNTRIES DID NOT REPEAT DID NOT ACCEPT VIEW THAT PREAMBULAR REFERENCE TO RACISM IN DRAFT INSTRUMENT EXTENDED TO INCLUDE UN RES. 3379.

6. MOREOVER, NORWAY ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH THE "NINE" AND ALSO STATED IT "COULD NEVER ACCEPT" JORDANIAN-ARAB STATEMENT NOR BE ASSOCIATED WITH RES. 3379 THAT NORWAY HAD VOTED AGAINST IN UN. DUTCH AND NORWEGIAN STATEMENTS MADE IN COURSE OF EXPLANATIONS OF VOTES BY 15
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7. DRAFT DECLARATION PRODUCED BY MEETING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION BY UNESCO'S GENERAL CONFERENCE THIS FALL WAS PASSED BY SHOW OF HANDS VOTE OF 24 IN FAVOR (SOVIETS-EE, PORTUGAL, ARABS, LDC'S) TO NONE AGAINST AND 13 ABSTENTIONS (ARGENTINA, BELGIUM, CANADA, FINLAND, FRANCE, FRG, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, UNITED KINGDOM). SECRETARIAT ERRONEOUSLY RECORDED ONLY 12 ABSTENTIONS.

8. DRAFT RECOMMENDATION WAS PUT TOGETHER IN TEDIOUS PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH--FREQUENTLY PHRASE BY PHRASE--VOTING WHICH REFLECTED GLARING LACK OF CONSENSUS ON KEY POINTS E.G. GOVERNMENT ROLE IN INSTILLING CULTURE IN
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"THE MASSES", CENSORSHIP AND "RESPONSIBILITIES" OF ARTISTS.

9. MEETING ON THE WHOLE WAS A HIGHLY UNPRODUCTIVE EXERCISE THAT ATTESTED ONLY TO SOVIET SKILL IN PUSHING THROUGH THEIR PARTICULAR VIEWPOINT ON "CULTURAL PARTICIPATION" AGAINST UNPREPARED, IF RESISTANT, WEO'S BY EXPLOITING LDC'S WISH TO HAVE AN INSTRUMENT OSTENSIBLY ADDRESSED INTER ALIA TO LDC CONCERNS OF PRESERVING "CULTURAL IDENTITY".

10. IN NARROW TACTICAL TERMS OF AVOIDING ANY INCLUSION OF "ZIONISM-RACISM" EQUATION IN A DRAFT INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT, THE MEETING WAS A "SUCCESS" AND CONVINCINGLY DEMONSTRATED ABILITIES OF AFRICANS--PERSONALLY MOBILIZED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW--TO KEEP ARABS IN LINE.

11. FOR LISBON: IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE GOI REPROACHES OF PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR, MRS. MARIA DE LOURDES PINTASILGO, PERMDEL WOULD STRESS THAT HER FORCEFUL LEADERSHIP AT MEETING WAS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR AIDING IN KEEPING MEETING FROM STRAYING INTO THE MINEFIELD OF THE "ZIONISM-RACISM" ISSUE. INDEED, HER SPECIFIC RULING EARLIER ON APRIL 15 THAT ALL EXPLANATIONS OF VOTES WOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL END OF MEETING EFFECTIVELY PRECLUDED RHETORICAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAELIS THAT ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE LED TO FORMAL RESOLUTIONS BY ARABS RE "ZIONISM-RACISM".

12. THEREFORE, WHILE IN ISOLATION HER RULING OF DENYING ISRAELIS CHANCE TO RESPOND TO JORDANIAN ATTACK MIGHT SEEM UNFAIR, THIS VERY ABLE AND PLUCKY LADY DESERVES MUCH OF THE CREDIT FOR AVOIDING AN OUTCOME TO THIS MEETING FAR MORE HARMFUL TO ISRAELI INTERESTS. THROUGH-OUT MEETING SHE CONSULTED CLOSELY WITH US PERMDEL AND OTHER WEO'S IN EFFORTS TO AVOID "ZIONISM-RACISM" IN PARTICULAR AND COUNTERING SOVIET-EE DESIGNS RE MEETING IN GENERAL.
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